

## AROUND THE PARISH

October 1, 2021

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,  
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,  
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday Eucharist** on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

**10/3 8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services**  
for those fully vaccinated.

**10/3 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex & Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

**Zoom Coffee Hour, 12:00pm,** through August  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664979605?pwd=aEFjOHkycHkwSEJQOXY1UjBCSElZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6497 9605 Passcode **Coffee**

**10/3 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm**

**NOTE:** If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link.



**Fr. Greg Peters**

First of all, an apology to the 8-o'clockers. Last Sunday, I neglected to announce that we will be using a modern version of the service for the month of October. The service, which we'll also be using at the 10:30am services for the month, is from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. The words of the service emphasize Creation and Redemption, which were key to St. Francis' theology. This seemed a logical choice for celebrating Francis, this Sunday and the Gospel readings for the remainder of the month. It's still the normal Eucharist, just different wording.

As is our practice, we want to use the service for a while to become accustomed to the wording and be shaped by them. So we'll use this service for the month, and then go back to the usual Rite 1 prayers. Again, I am sorry for neglecting to forewarn you, but I look forward to hearing your responses to and insights about the service.

October is looking like a busy month liturgically:

**This Sunday the Feast of St. Francis.** We remember Francis' simple genuineness, depth of spirit, and fierce but gentle love of all God's creatures. Everyone is invited to bring their pets - living, plush, photographed, in-person or in-spirit - for a blessing. You may bring them to the service, bring them afterward during coffee hour, or for a drive-through until 12:45pm. Canine and feline treats are available.

**Sunday, October 17,** in recognition of St. Luke, the physician whose feast day is October 18, we will honor our members who are in the healing and medical professions.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**10/4 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

**10/6 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook**

**10/7 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary**

**10/8 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex**

**10/20 Stew Fest In-Person & Facebook; 6:00pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm Stew; 7:00pm Program**

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church  
21405-82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
  - Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
  - Bank Bill Pay - ask bank to send check to St. Alban's
- Online go to [www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org)  
and click on "Donate Now."

### FOOD, FOOD, WONDERFUL FOOD!!

St. Alban's "official" food bank Sunday is the first week of each month - that's this **Sunday, October 3**. However, any day and every day are Food Bank Days! The situation with those needing food assistance for themselves and their families is not slowing down. More and more people are depending on **our** donations to the local food banks. Let's help them!!

**Wednesday, October 20, Stewfest,** Our annual Stewardship Celebration. The Rev. Cristi Chapman, Executive Director of the Mission to Seafarers, is our speaker this year. Come hear Cristi (live or live-streamed) as we continue learning about being good stewards of all that God has entrusted us with.

**Sunday, October 31, Halloween,** this is an important day in the life of the Church. It's the Eve of All Saints' Day, All Hallows Eve now rendered Halloween, a time of preparing for the Feast of All Saints and remembering the faithful departed, both great and small, in every age and every land. Additionally, and particularly for Protestants, this is the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses disputing the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral inviting other scholars to debate those Theses and setting off the Reformation. Anglicanism is one of the fruits of the Reformation.

**Monday, November 1, All Saints Day,** we'll commemorate the day with Evening Prayer.

**Sunday, November 7, Ingathering Sunday,** the celebration of "Every Good Gift" that God has given us and "Every Good Gift" that we offer and present for the ministry and mission of our congregation.



**A Traditional Child's Prayer**

Now, before I run to play,  
 Let me not forget to pray,  
 To God who kept me through the night  
 And waked me with the morning light.  
 Help me, Lord, to love Thee more,  
 Than I have ever loved before.  
 In my work and in my play,  
 Be Thou with me through the day.

Amen

Forward Movement Bits of Heaven



"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."

...James 1:17 NSVR

***The Gift of Wonder***

Jesus suggests that we must receive the wonder of the world and the work we are given to do as children, we must get back in touch with our sense of wonder, of possibility, of love. These are the basic skills God needs from us to work in God's vineyard. How can you reacquaint yourself with your sense of wonder?

*Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.*

*Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.*

The Prayer for those who have just been baptized, (BCP 308)



**ST. FRANCIS AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

In keeping with our tradition at St. Alban's, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Monday, October 4) with a blessing of the animals – our pets and all the creatures of God -- this **Sunday, October 3**. Please feel free to bring your pet, picture of your pet or an item of remembrance to church. Fr. Greg will give blessings during both services or a drive-by blessing in the parking lot after the 10:30am service until 12:45pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to drive by.

St. Francis was born in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and is a patron saint of animals and the environment . He rejected the wealth of his family and lived his adult life

in poverty, dedicating himself to solitude and prayer so that he might know God's will for him. Francis was an acclaimed Catholic friar, philosopher, mystic and teacher, founder of the men's Order of Friars Minor and the women's Order of Saint Clare among others. He possessed a special connection with animals and many legends exist regarding his "powers" with them.

To celebrate the life of St. Francis and commemorate his journey to the afterlife, the town of Assisi lights oil lamps for two days, religious services are held and some children even bring their pets to be blessed on this day.

### STEW FEST – OCTOBER 20



Come join us on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**, for Stew Fest. The event will start with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm, Stew Fest at 6:30pm and the Program at 7:00pm. The program will also be on Facebook for those who are unable to attend in person.

This evening will be an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings to St. Alban's. The Rev. Cristi Chapman, Director of Mission to Seafarer's, will be our guest speaker for the evening program.

The dinner will feature a variety of stews. Salad, bread and dessert will be provided along with beverages including wine and beer. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to know if you plan to attend. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall or contact Maryellen Young, [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net) or 425-776-2461.

*In Memory of*

### LORRIE PRUITT MEMORIAL GIFTS

A number of donations have been received in memory of Lorrie Pruitt. These contributions have been to two of Lorrie's favorite causes – Canine Companions and Afghan Refugees.

It is not too late for additional donations. Please indicate on your check whether your donation is for Afghanistan Refugees or for Canine Companions for Independence. Your donation can be split by noting "Both" on your check.

### REMEMBERING DAISY BEACH

Parishioner Daisy Beach passed away in her home on September 6. Daisy was instrumental in the creation of our Endowment Funds and was on the committee that selected John Lehrack as our Music Director.

Information regarding a service for Daisy at St. Alban's will be forthcoming.



### EVERETT GOSPEL MISSION 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER OUTREACH

Everett Gospel Mission was selected by the vote of our congregation to be our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter outreach recipient. EGM provides emergency shelter and comprehensive recovery programs for 145 men, and 75 women and children each night. Each person in a residential program receives personalized care and is given access to nutritious meals, beds, clean clothing, spiritual support, addiction recovery, life-skills training, employment help and more. Everett Gospel Mission engages with the community to alleviate poverty.

**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

### THE WAY OF LOVE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

St. Alban's is offering a small group discussion to explore **The Way of Love: A Practical Guide to Following Jesus** by Scott Gunn with Forward Movement. Developed by Bishop Curry and other leaders, the Way of Love uses seven key verbs: **Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.**

This book is an exploration of what these verbs mean in the context of our life of faith. This short, easy-to-read book works well for group study with reflection questions serving as catalysts for small-group conversation. This book will be provided for each participant by St. Alban's Faith Formation Ministry.

Starting Thursday, October 21, we will gather in the Parish Hall from 1:30 - 3:00 pm for a focused (COVID Safe) discussion. The first session on October 21 will be an introduction and following will be one session for each of the seven practices: Nov.4, Nov.18, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Jan.27, Feb. 10, Feb 24.

In order to have sufficient materials available for the group, we need to know who is interested and able to attend on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Pat Chandler by email ([patchandler5694@comcast.net](mailto:patchandler5694@comcast.net)) or phone or text at (425 248 9417) to register for this group study. Feel free to call with questions as well.



### DITTY BAGS FOR MISSION TO SEAFARERS

As part of Stew Fest, we are gathering items for Ditty Bags for Mission to Seafarers. Normally we do this every year, but especially this year with our Stew Fest speaker being Cristi Chapman, the Director of Mission to Seafarers.

#### **What goes into a ditty bag?**

- knit hat
- full-size (v. travel size) bottle of shampoo and/or body wash
- full-size toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- deodorant
- full-size can of shaving cream
- disposable razor or two
- deck of cards
- notepad and pen/pencil
- some fun thing like candy or something else special

If you interested in sewing ditty bags, here are a few rough instructions:

<https://www.mts-seattle.org/ditty-bag-pattern>

If you are interested in knitting hats, here are a few suggested patterns:

<https://www.mts-seattle.org/knit-or-sew-for-ditty-bags>

Please note that either wool or some kind of acrylic yarn is just fine:

### PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES

#### Welcome to –

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#### Address Change –

Martha Philippoff  
11965 Obispo Rd  
San Diego, CA 92128  
310-982-0371

### FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

#### **Continuing questions from a GED exam and answers from 16-year-olds:**

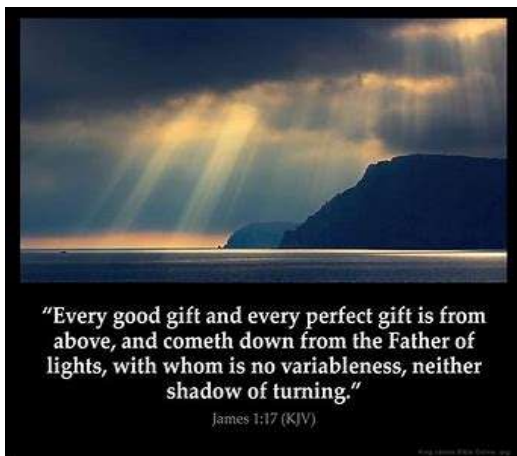
- Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g., The abdomen)
- A. The body is consisted into 3 parts – the brainium, the borax and the abdominal . The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, U.
- Q. What is the fibula?
- A. A small lie.
- Q. What does “varicose” mean?
- A. Nearby.



#### ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There are two options for viewing our Worship services: Facebook or YouTube.

In the center of our website front page is a link to YouTube, pictured above. Problems with Facebook – try YouTube.



which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **OCTOBER 10 – 20 PENTECOST**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

#### **OCTOBER 3 – 19 PENTECOST**

Jesus says, “*Let the little children come to me...for it is to such of these that the kingdom of heaven is given.*”

Can we trust as children do? Can we lay our lives in His hands, trusting His plan for us...and respond with gratitude and thanksgiving for all? Will we let Him *lay his hands on us and bless us?*

#### **OCTOBER 10 – 20 PENTECOST**

In Mark 10, we read, “*How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God.*” All of us have much wealth, you know, especially by the standard of many in the rest of the world. We are so blessed! As stewards and disciples, are we willing to live our lives and use all our gifts to honor God and follow His teachings?

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **OCTOBER 3 – 19 PENTECOST**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

#### **OCTOBER 3 – COLLECT**

Almighty and Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of

#### **ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Friday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com) to make appointment.
  - Wear a mask.
- In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

#### **GREG'S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home

Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm

(Available by appointment)

Via email: [gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

(Available by appointment)

#### **WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach – Everett Gospel Mission

4th week—Capital Improvements

5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

